(c) The above proposals are under consideration.

Expansion of tourism through private sector

970. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has called for future expansion of tourism in the country mainly through the private sector; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) and (b) The Seventh Plan laid stress on encouraging private sector investment in developing tourism. This objective is likely to continue in the Eighth Plan. The details would be known only after the Eighth plan is finalised.

Opening of new branches of Nationalised Banks in Rajasthan

971. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to open a few more branches of the nationalised banks in Rajasthan during 1990; and

(b) if so, what are the names of the places where these branches are likely to be opened?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) and (b) The previous Branch Licensing Policy for 1985-90 came to an end on 31-3-90 and the guidelines for the ensuing policy are yet to be announced by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). It will not be possible to indicate at this stage the number and location of additional bank branches proposed to be opened in Rajasthan State during 1990. However, there are 12 licences issued during the previous policy pending with public sector banks in the State of Rajasthan for opening branches. The validity of these licences has been extended upto the 30th September, 1990 and it is expected that these branches will be opened by that date. The locations of these centres are as follows:-

Name of the centre	Name of the district
1. Himatgarh	Banswara
2. Itala	Banswara
3. Karina Khera	Chittorgarh
4. Tomkat	Sriganganagar
5. Baroo	Jodhpur
6. Narwakhichiyana	Jodhpur
7. Sankhwali	Jalore
8. Mokhampura	Kota
9. Doongaraja	Kota
10. Kotra Deepsingh	Kota
11. Gandawar	Sawai Madhopur
12. Thera	Sawai Madhopur

Exhibition to popularise Indian Jewellery abroad

972. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any exhibition/fair was organised in other countries during the last three years to popularise Indian jewellery/gold ornaments;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the quantum of business transected at such fairs/exhibitions during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A number of exhibitions to promote the sale of Indian gold jewellery abroad have been organised particularly by the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation (MMTC) ,the Handicrafts and Handlooms Export Corporation of India Ltd (HHEC) and the Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC). The locations in which these exhibitions were organised included the Federal Republic of Germarny, Kuwawit, Doha, Dubbai and Brunei. Besides, several individual participants have also participated in fairs abroad through the Trade Fair Authority of India (TFAI).

The impact of these fairs and exhibitions have to be viewed in the long term. Exports in the sector have increased appreciably during the last three years. The business directly generated during the exhibitions is reported to be Rs. 12.4 Crores.

Decline in aid by world bank and International Agencies

973. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state.

(a) whether there has been a sharp decline in the aid provided to India by World Bank and other International agencies as reported in the Punjab Kesri of 8th July, 1990; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what steps are being taken to meet the shortage?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Stoppage of trading in shares at Stock Exchanges

974. SHRI YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to direct the Stock Exchanges to stop trading in any shares when its market price exceeds a stipulated price worked out by the Exchange on the basis of the actual yield of the shares in order to prevent unhealthy and speculative practices in stock trading; and

(b) whether there is any provision in the existing law for such stoppage of trading?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Stock Exchanges have provisions in their Bye-Laws for stoppage of trading in the shares of a company when there is an abnormal rise or fall in the price of its shares.

Destruction of cotton ginning and pressing industry by cyclone in Andhra

975. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cotton ginning and pressing industry was hit hard in recent cyclone in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to revive the industry?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ginning units affected by the recent cyclone are not eligible for gratuitious relief However ginning and pressing may approach banks and other financial institutions for reschedulement of their loans etc. which will be considered on merits on a case to case basis. The Andhra Pradesh State Financial Corporation has granted an advance of Rs 8.58 lakhs to 15 ginning and pressing units pending settlement of their insurance dues.